

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A combination comprising:

an endotracheal tube;

an adapter having a first tube attached to the endotracheal tube and a second tube for attachment to a bag-valve mask;

a stylet placed within the endotracheal tube and the adapter to provide temporary rigidity to the

endotracheal tube a carbon dioxide indicator ~~on~~recessed within the adapter so as to be protected from damage by the stylet; and

the endotracheal tube, adaptor, carbon dioxide indicator and stylet being pre-assembled and packaged as an assembly.

Claim 12 (Original): The combination of claim 11 further comprising a handle attached to the stylet to facilitate removal of the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The combination of claim 12 wherein the handle interfaces with the second tube to form a seal.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The combination of claim [[14]]11 further comprising an orifice in the perimeter of the second tube, the carbon dioxide indicator covering the orifice and further comprising a casing isolating the carbon dioxide indicator from the atmosphere.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A method of placing an endotracheal tube within a patient and testing for placement within the patient's trachea, the method comprising:
providing a pre-assembled and packaged endotracheal tube, adapter attached to the endotracheal tube, carbon dioxide indicator recessed within the adapter, and stylet extending through the endotracheal tube and through the adapter;
placing the pre-assembled endotracheal tube and stylet within the patient;
removing the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter;
placing a bag-valve mask upon the adapter;
ventilating the patient; and
determining proper placement of the endotracheal tube within the patient's trachea by observing the carbon dioxide indicator.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 17 further comprising:
providing a handle attached to the stylet and interfaced with the adapter to form an air-tight seal;
gripping the endotracheal tube with one hand and pulling the handle to remove the stylet.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 17 further comprising the step engaging the bag-valve mask for one ventilation cycle.